

MEETING OF
THE DELAWARE AGRICULTURAL LANDS PRESERVATION FOUNDATION

A meeting of the Delaware Agricultural Lands Preservation Foundation was held at the Delaware Department of Agriculture, 2320 S. DuPont Hwy. Dover, Delaware, June 11, 2008, with the following members in attendance:

Robert F. Garey, Chairman
Lyn Davenport, Secretary
G. Ray Staats
Joseph Wick

Mark Davis (representing Michael Scuse, Secretary of Agriculture)
Ann Visalli (representing Jack Markell, State Treasurer)
Kevin Coyle (representing John Hughes, Secretary of DNREC)

Absent: William Vanderwende, Theodore P. Bobola, Jr., and L. Allen Messick, Jr.

The following staff members were in attendance: Michael McGrath, Howard Mesick, Milton Melendez, Cathy Mesick, Scott Blaier, Austin Short, Danielle Klosowski, and Robin West.

Others in attendance: F. Michael Parkowski, Esq., and Mr. Michael Brown.

Chairman Garey opened the meeting with prayer at 8:34 a.m.

I. Progress Report:

Milton Melendez informed the Board that we have a total of 980 farms in preservation districts totaling 148,443 acres, with a total of 504 farms under agricultural easements totaling 87,988 acres at a cost of \$149,991,592. For PDR 14 there are a total of 106 farms comprising 11,950 acres with a value of \$149,250,000. For PDR 15 there are a total of 10 farms, comprising 612 acres, with a value of \$10,068,000. For the Forestland Preservation Program there are 28 Areas comprising 2,265 acres. For PDR 14 for Forestland Preservation there is a total of 24 Areas, comprising 2,131 acres.

II. Expansion eligibility & Final Approval:

1. Jenamy Expansion of the Adam/Holloway District, ID#K-08-05-039I. After discussion, **Joseph Wick moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the Jenamy Expansion of the Adam/Holloway District, seconded by Kevin Coyle. Motion unanimously approved.**
2. Gary Hill Expansion of the Collins District, ID#S-08-04-021D. After discussion, **Kevin Coyle moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the Gary Hill Expansion of the Collins District, seconded by Ray Staats. Motion unanimously approved.**

Secretary Scuse waived his right of veto for the above expansions through Mark Davis.

III. Public Comments – No public comments were received.

IV. Minutes:

1. Chairman Garey asked if there were additions or corrections to the May 14, 2008 minutes. Receiving no additions or corrections to the minutes, **Ray Staats moved the minutes be approved, seconded by Joseph Wick. Motion unanimously approved.**

V. Financial Highlights:

1. Cathy Mesick informed the Foundation Board that we had, as of May 31, 2008, \$28,200.21 in the Foundation's checking account. The Foundation's interest bearing State of Delaware account had a balance of \$113,533.19. We received \$3,576.77 revenue from rollback taxes and \$391.00 interest income. Expenditures for the month of May totaled \$33,884.28. After discussion, the Financial Report was approved by **Kevin Coyle, seconded by Lyn Davenport. Motion unanimously approved.**
2. Howard Mesick, bookkeeper, presented the memorandum asking for transfer of funds between Foundation accounts. This will not result in an overall change in the budget. After discussion and review of the

memorandum, **Lyn Davenport moved to accept the request to transfer funds between Foundation accounts, seconded by Kevin Coyle. Motion unanimously approved.**

3. Foundation Budget for FY'09

Michael McGrath presented a detailed budget for FY'09 to the Board. After presentation and discussion, **Mark Davis moved to accept the Foundation budget for FY'09, seconded by Lyn Davenport. Motion unanimously approved.**

VI. Executive Session

Chairman Garey asked if an Executive Session was necessary. Michael Parkowski indicated it was necessary to discuss certain matters relating to appraisal, surveying and bidding process. **Joseph Wick moved to go into Executive Session, seconded by Kevin Coyle. Motion unanimously approved.**

VII. Executive Session

The Executive Session began 8:50 a.m. with the above motion. The Executive Session ended 9:20 a.m. **Ray Staats moved to end the Executive Session, seconded by Kevin Coyle.** At 9:20 a.m. the regular meeting resumed.

VIII. Other Business – there was no other business.

IX. Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Foundation, the meeting adjourned at 9:21 a.m. The next meeting of the Foundation will be held on July 9, 2008 at the Delaware Department of Agriculture, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lyn Davenport
Secretary